



music



theatre



dance



galleries



museums



public arts



film



cultural districts



festivals



Arts and Cultural Community in Indianapolis

"While Indianapolis lays claim to 10 world-class sports venues, that is just a fraction of its cultural institution tally: 14 museums, 21 galleries and 25 performing arts centers and theaters." - Washington Post, May 28, 2008



Office of International & Cultural Affairs
Mayor Gregory A. Ballard

The Mayor's Office of International and Cultural Affairs provides outreach and support to enhance culture in our community by:

Increasing visibility of the arts

Our city is fortunate to have a variety of art in our community. The scope of our creative outlets range from talented local artist to world renowned institutions.

Promoting cultural awareness:

Our city is home to many cultures. Mayor Ballard supports multiple festivals held throughout the year to celebrate the diversity of our city.

ART provides value to Indianapolis in many ways*:

A Vibrant Community

- 7 million visits to diverse performance, exhibitions and program – more than the combined total of all professional sports attendance
- Nationally and internationally recognized arts experiences available to the nearly 22 million annual visitors to Indianapolis
- A better, healthier, more vital Indianapolis

A Safer City

- 1.6 million students impacted through community arts programs, educational initiatives, and other outreach activities
- 475,000 seniors enriched through hands-on arts activities and experiences
- The city's youth build skills such as positive self-esteem and self-expression which help reduce crime and truancy, enhance communication, and increase literacy and job skills

A Stronger Economy

- \$465 million in Indianapolis economic activity each year
- 15,000 local full time jobs
- 52 million in state and local government revenue annually

* Source: Arts Council of Indianapolis



- Children's Museum of Indianapolis
- Clowes Memorial Hall of Butler University
- Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art
- Heartland Truly Moving Pictures
- Indiana Historical Society
- Indiana Repertory Theatre
- Indiana State Museum Foundation
- Indianapolis Art Center
- Indianapolis Museum of Art
- Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra
- Music for All
- Big Car Gallery
- Encore Vocal Arts
- Festival Music Society of Indiana
- Freetown Village
- IndyBaroque Music
- IndyChoruses
- Jazz Arts Society of Indiana
- New World Youth Orchestras
- Philharmonic Orchestra of Indianapolis
- Primary Colours
- Storytelling Arts of Indiana
- Writers' Center of Indiana
- Young Actors Theatre
- Indiana Performing Arts Centre
- Indianapolis School of Ballet
- Indianapolis Symphonic Band
- InterAction Theatre
- Motus Dance Theatre
- Partnership for Lawrence (PFLArts)
- Ronen Chamber Ensemble
- Summer Stock Stage
- Urban Arts of Indianapolis
- Art with a Heart
- Asante Children's Theatre
- Footlite Musicals
- Harrison Center for the Arts
- Hoosier Salon Patrons Association
- Indianapolis Symphonic Choir
- Indianapolis Theatre Fringe Festival
- VSA Indiana
- American Pianists Association
- Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site
- Cabaret at the Columbia Club
- Dance Kaleidoscope
- Fine Arts Society
- Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra
- Indianapolis Children's Choir
- Indianapolis Opera
- International Violin Competition of Indianapolis
- Madame Walker Urban Life Center
- Percussive Arts Society
- Phoenix Theatre
- Young Audiences of Indiana